

REMARKS

Summary of Claim Amendments

Claim 1 is amended by adding the recitations of Claim 7. Therefore, no new matter is added.

Claim 14 is amended to correct dependency.

Claims 7 and 12 are canceled.

New claims 15 and 16 are added. Support for claim 15 can be found at line 1-2 of page 7 of the specification. Support for claim 16 can be found in the last paragraph of page 9 of the specification. Therefore, no new matter is added.

Summary of the Official Action

Claims 1-6, 8-11 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by or in the alternative as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 2,859,086 ("FEILD"). The Office Action states that FEILD discloses applicant's compound and thus the flame retardance is inherent in the composition. The examiner further states that the process step, i.e. imparting flame retardance, is met and therefore the claims are not novel.

Claims 7, 12 and 14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Traversal

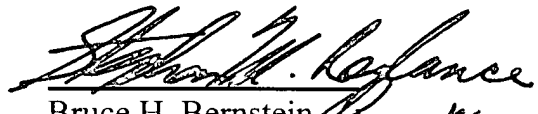
Claim 1 has been amended to recite the recitations of claim 7, which was found allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitation of the base claims. Therefore claim 1 should be allowed. Since all other pending claims all depend from claim 1, all of the claims should be allowed.

Furthermore, although Applicants do not agree with the rejection of claims 1-6, 8-11 and 13 over FEILD, the rejections are moot because of the amendment of claims. Therefore, the rejection should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. If any issues yet remain which can be resolved by a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted.
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